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It's about time the Justice Dept. and the states' Attorneys General got off Microsoft's back. The Sept. 11th N.Y. disaster should have given them the wake up call they needed to know that they have not been doing their jobs to protect the American citizens and taxpayers. If the CIA, FBI, and the local states were doing their jobs, and looking for real enemies, perhaps this could have been averted. As a government we still have not learned history's lessons. The tragedies of Dec. 7, 1941, the first bombing of the twin towers, and the USS Cole incident are more examples that we have become lax and complacent with national security. Perhaps this is because we are preoccupied with less pressing issues, like attacking our strong technology industry led by companies like Microsoft. We are a country in a recession, and we are presently in a desperate struggle for survival as a nation, with a faceless enemy. Our economy needs to be kept as strong as possible to avoid economic collapse. We cannot, and must not tear down the companies that have given strength and hope for America. This is political and economic suicide.

Bill Gates is not a terrorist, and Microsoft is not the enemy. Few companies have paid more taxes, employed more tax-paying American citizens, or launched more related businesses (which in turn have paid taxes; employed more workers, etc.etc.) than has Microsoft. They have been the premier technical company that led the technical economic boom over the past 20 years. They are the major holding in mutual funds, union funds and credit unions in the U.S. As such they are the hope and future of America's working class, and the bread and butter of the retirement dreams and plans of the taxpayers, who pay the bills for the beltway bureaucracy. By attacking companies like Microsoft, we are attacking America and all it stands for. And in the process bleeding it economically. It is illogically asinine to attack one of America's icons of capitalism, when the real, deadly fanatics who have sworn to destroy us continue to exist and work their deadly destruction. Will it be nuclear next time?

It is time to move past the crybabies who started this suit (AOL, Sun, Netscape, and Oracle), and who couldn't make it on their own, with inferior and expensive products, and seek out and attack the real enemies of America. The American economic system works. People buy what they consider the best product at the best price for the job they want to get done. Stop wasting the taxpayers money on worthless lawsuits, that attack the very strengths of American capitalism and entrepreneurial intelligence. The American consumer has for years cast its vote for the best, least expensive and most effective products. And the PC standard, Windows, is no exception. In true democratic fashion the consumer has elected and supported the finest software product ever produced. The one that standardized applications so that all users would have a common data processing modus operandi to execute their tasks. Let not the politicians or the government attempt to take away that election, and the tremendous revenue that it supplies to the state and federal governments.

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Governments do not make money, and politicians do not produce any money, or add to the gross domestic product. Only good companies like Microsoft make money, employee people and pay billions in taxes. The only thing the government and the politicians can do is spend, spend, spend. The Justice Department would do well to remember from whence their money comes; and that this is still government of the people, by the people and for the people. And by attacking good American companies like Microsoft, they may as well as dogs - bite the hand that feeds them. Surely they are not that stupid, shortsighted, or preoccupied that they cannot see the real danger, and their own political demise by such a continuance? May you and your department choose wisely.

May God bless America, and Microsoft.

Sincerely, Ray Reinman

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